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Critical Business Tax Relief Signed into Law

Vital business tax relief for Michigan job providers that will help invigorate the state's economy and get people back to work was recently signed into law by the governor.

Senate Bill 1038, now Public Act 433 of 2008, eliminates the state's 'tax on a tax' by exempting sales taxes and fees from the gross receipts portion of the Michigan Business Tax, and exempting interest and dividend income from tax-exempt federal or state securities.

Under the new definition of "gross receipts," an estimated 50,000 Michigan job providers will see their business tax liability reduced.

SAVE the Children Legislation Signed into Law

Legislation that helps prevent early learning problems and also gives students the skills required to succeed in school and life has been signed into law.

Senate Bill 1039, now Public Act 582 of 2008, allows intermediate school districts (ISDs) to develop early intervening programs for children in kindergarten through third grade and make the programs available to their constituent districts and public school academies.

Under the measure, each district's program would help classroom teachers and support staffs build upon their knowledge of children, identify problems early and intervene with appropriate strategies and resources. The SAVE program is modeled after a pilot project in a Northville elementary school that has proven to be very cost effective by reducing the need for expensive special education services.